

A METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR PROVIDING NETWORK SUPPORT FOR  
MESSAGING BETWEEN SHORT MESSAGE SERVICE (SMS) SUBSCRIBERS  
AND INSTANT MESSAGING (IM) SUBSCRIBERS

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

[0063] This invention relates to a method and system for providing network support for messaging between short message service (SMS) subscribers and instant messaging (IM) subscribers. More particularly, the present invention provides a system for SMS and IM users to exchange messages directly. According to the present invention, IM users have access to the mobile subscriber community via mobility gateways and SMS users have access to the IM community via public data networks.